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TAGS: PARM MNUC UNGA IT

SUBJECT: ITALY TO VOTE YES ON UNGA DEALERTING RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 111744

Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor Barbara A. Leaf for Reasons  
1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (C/NF) Italian MFA Deputy Director General for Political Cooperation Filippo Formica informed the DCM on October 23 that Italy would vote in favor of the UNGA First Committee Resolution on Dealerting (Reftel). Separately, MFA Director for Nonproliferation and Arms Control Emanuele Farruggia told Poloff that Italy had not yet decided how to vote on the Resolution on Depleted Uranium, but that a yes vote was likely.

¶2. (C/NF) Farruggia (please protect) said that his office shared the U.S. view of the Dealerting Resolution and had pushed for an abstention, but that heavy lobbying by New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland had prevailed. He said that the co-drafters had made every effort to make the language as innocuous as possible in order to attract yes votes from NATO members and had succeeded. He said that his office had recommended against a yes vote on the Depleted Uranium Resolution, but that he feared the final decision of the GOI would be to vote in favor, as it did last year. Poloff stressed that the U.S. remains firmly opposed to both resolutions.

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